



Alternate Row Shading

This document describes how to set up your Business Objects report so that every other line is shaded, similar to old style computer paper. It is very useful for reports containing many columns of data.

In order to shade every other row, two activities are required. First, a variable is built which calculates every other row in the report; second, an alerter is created which applies a shaded background format to each column based on the value of the variable.

First, add a variable to your report, called “**Even or Odd**”. It should be defined as “**=Mod(LineNumber(),2)**”.

This will create a variable which contains either a **1** or **0**, as shown below:

Resort	Month	Revenue	Even or Odd
Bahamas Beach	Jan	\$74,893	0
	Feb	\$46,440	1
	Mar	\$103,548	0
	Apr	\$83,516	1
	May	\$47,180	0
	Jun	\$107,176	1
	Jul	\$95,092	0
	Aug	\$61,540	1
	Sep	\$106,790	0
	Oct	\$80,457	1
	Nov	\$66,470	0
	Dec	\$98,342	1
Bahamas Beach	Total:	\$971,444	

Next, an alerter is created which formats each column based on the value of the **Even or Odd** variable. This results in every other row being shaded.

Edit Alerters

Definition Conditions

Variable to Compare:
Even or Odd Add...

Operator 1 Value 1 Operator 2 Result

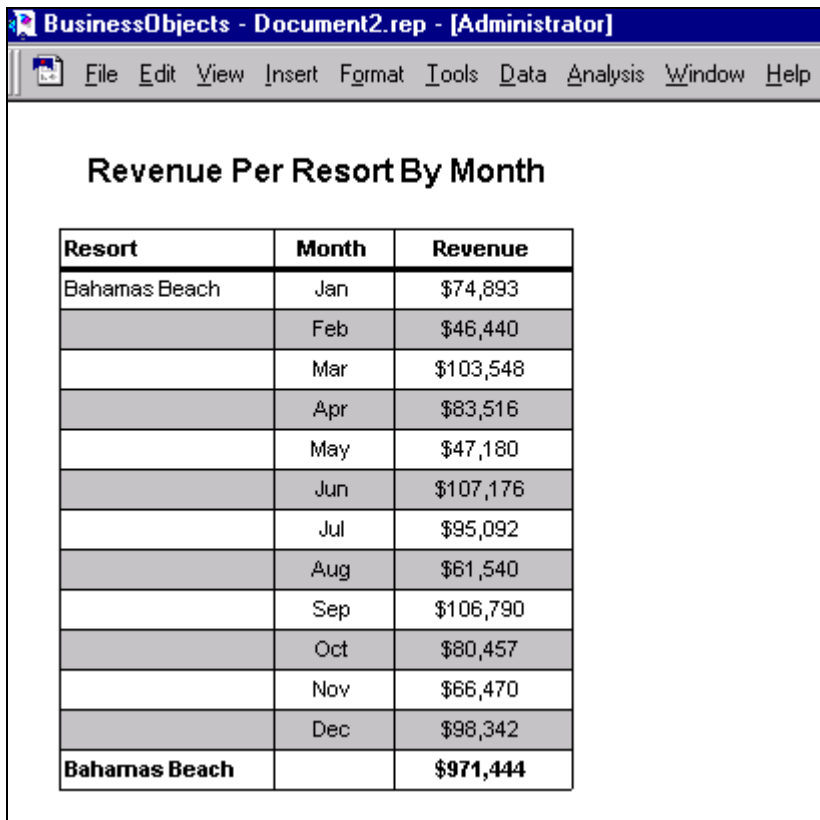
= 1 None Cell Content

None

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Lastly, apply the Alerter to each column in your report. The results will have every other row shaded.



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